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## **Upcoming Community and Vendor Meetings for the Boston Public Market**

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) has contracted with Project for Public Spaces to examine, document and report on conditions and opportunities associated with the development of a year round public market in Boston, and as a part of that effort broad input will be critical to define a successful market.

Project for Public Spaces (PPS) is a New York-based non-profit planning and design organization, which for over 25 years has provided assistance to public market projects in more than 200 cities and towns in both the U.S. and internationally.

### **Boston Public Market Community Workshop**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 23rd, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm - [Click for details \[pdf\]](#)

**Location:** Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge Street, 2nd Floor, Rooms B, C, D (near the Bowdoin Street and Government Center T stations)

#### **Bring Your Ideas For:**

- Products and vendors
- Programs and events for the market
- Market layout and merchandising

### **Boston Public Market Vendor Information Workshop**

**Date:** Thursday, February 24th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm - [Click for details \[pdf\]](#)

**Location:** State House, Room 437

#### **What:**

An open meeting for interested agricultural producers, local businesses, fishermen and women, seafood producers, specialty food producers and existing or start-up vendors to learn more about the proposed year-round, indoor public market in downtown Boston and provide feedback regarding the market

structure, product mix, selling opportunities and activities.

This meeting is a venue to learn and exchange information. All great public markets are a reflection of their local people, products and personality. Presenters from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) and Project for Public Spaces (PPS) will provide an overview and update of the project and describe ways you may be able to participate as a vendor. Most important, we want to hear about your expectations and recommendations to make it an attractive and viable place to do business.

At the conclusion of the meeting, there will be an opportunity to view the proposed site at 136 Blackstone Street, also known as Parcel 7.

**More Information:**

The mission of the Public Market is to provide a self-sustaining, year-round market for the purchase of fresh, local, healthy and high quality foods, and to strengthen the region's farm and fisheries economy through the direct sale of fresh and value added products.

The Market location is 136 Blackstone Street, also known as Parcel 7, in the Haymarket section of Boston. The ground floor of this building, excluding sections already used as the Haymarket T Station and parking lot, have been designated for use as a public market. The building is owned by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

**RSVP:**

If you are interested in attending either meeting, please contact David Webber at David.Webber@state.ma.us or call 617-626-1754 by Tuesday, February 22.

For more information go to <http://www.mass.gov/agr/boston-public-mkt.htm>

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